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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DISTRIBUTED	)	February 22, 2005
AUTONOMOUS MAINTENANCE OF	)	750 B STREET, Suite 3120
BIDIRECTIONAL HYPERLINK METADATA ON	)	San Diego, CA 92101
THE WEB AND SIMILAR HYPERMEDIA	)	
REPOSITORY	)	

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated January 24, 2005, the previous declaration swearing behind Adar et al. is resubmitted herewith with all inventors' signatures.

The comments in the Office Action regarding other alleged insufficiencies of the declaration are simply incorrect. Specifically, as best understood allegation (a), to the effect that because page 3 of the supporting documentation discloses an applet with a Web browser, this is somehow in conflict with the requirement of Claim 1 that the links table is kept at the Web server, completely misses the point. Page 2 of the supporting documentation explicitly states that the server s2 saves link information, and page 5 states that link tables are kept in Web servers, precisely as recited in Claim 1. The objected-to disclosure on page 3 of the supporting documentation, far from contradicting Claim 1, in fact shows the last element of Claim 1, i.e., the applet with the user's browser is one way in which a user computer accesses the table. That is why the objected-to section explicitly states that HTTP is used (plainly, to access a server, the only purpose of HTTP) to update the information at the user computer, precisely as claimed.

The allegation (b), as best understood, that the evidence of reduction to practice is insufficient borders on the arbitrary and capricious. The inventor has testified, as a matter of first hand knowledge, that the

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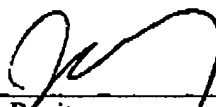
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invention was reduced to practice. This testimony, which constitutes evidence, is bolstered by the supporting documentation, which clearly indicates a reduction to practice as of the date of the documentation. This is probably why no reason accompanies the allegation of insufficiency, i.e., a conclusion of law has been reached without any analysis. Rest assured that the Board will require more reasoning should the refusal to accord the present application an earlier filing date be persisted in.

Place the application in condition for appeal by correcting claim dependencies as follows.

Respectfully submitted,



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